The debt service requirement for the remaining yean of the 8th Plan viz. 1995-96 and 1997 97 will depend on the size of the total debt emerging at the end of the respective preceding financial yean.

(c) to (e) The interest payment in BE 1994-95 estimated at Rs. 46,000 crores works out to 53.4% of revenue receipts of Rs. 86,084 crores (net to Centre). Increase in debt servicing requirements is basically due to increased borrowings resor-ted to by the Government to meet the gap in revenue receipts and total expenditure. Government will endeavour to limit further borrowing a at the budgeted levels by controlling expenditure and maximising receipts.

Aboittoa of redaadaat posts between SO and JS

5443. SHRI RAM DEO BHANDARI : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to stale :

(a) whether Government are aware thati is. DGET, Ministry of Labour, there are certain administrative branches which deal with subor-dinate offices;

(b) if so, whether Government ere also aware that there are certain intermedistory officers in between the branches and the Joint Secretary, before the cases relating to administrative work comprising application and interpretation of Civil Services Rules are processed:

(c) whether any study has been made by the S.I.I J. of the Ministry in the matter and the redundant posts identified: and

(d) if so, by when these posts are likely to be abolished?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISIRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY* : (a) and (b) Yes Sir

(c) and (d) As per the staffing assessmei t *at* the Dte. General of Employment & Training (HQS) made by the Staff Inspection Unit of the Ministry of Finance in the year 1987-88, cut of the then existing strength of 475 posts, 53 posts were required to be abolished and the order fpr abortion *of* posts were issued in the momlis of March-April. 1989. One more post in the Data Processing Unit was abolished in the year *991* in pursuance of the SIU rocommendation in a subsequent stay. Subsequently, as a result of the work measurement study and method study conducted by SIU, on which agreement was reached between DGET and the SIU, 10 more posts were abolished during the years 1992 and 1993.

Drag Mafias in Pakistan

5444. SHRI MATANG SINH : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item appearing in the "Hindu' dated 4th April, 1994 under the heading Militants have a hand in Pak-backed drug trade" and if so, what are the details of the drug mafias in Pakistan and the number of Sikh/ Kashmiri militants who have been found to be extending cooperation with Pakistan mafia and the names of the area where smuggling of drugs is currently concentrated; and

(b) whether Government are aware that the sale proceeds of narcotics are being used by the underworld dements in Pakistan to purchase sophisticated weaponry which are passed on to militsents in India through intelligence channels and if so, what are the details thereof and what action has *been* taken to eliminate this narcotic gang from the Indian soil'?

TOE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY) : (s) Yes, Sir. However, no specific details about drug mafias in Pakistan and links with militants are available. Aras along Pakistan border in Punjab. Jammu & Kashmir, Rajasthan and Coastal ares of Gujarat are vulnerable to smuggling of drugs

(fc; We have evidence about the use of sate preceeds of narcotics by underworld elements of Pakistan.

The following steps have been, taken to curb drag trafficking from across the border :—

Strict instructions have been issued to all law enforcement agencies to maintain utmost vigil and step up enforcemeni efforts under the stringent provisions contained in Various Acts. Training is being imparted to officers to improve their effectiveness. A part of the Indo-Pak border has been fenced. Vehicles and oosn-iiaunicstion equipments have been provided to the enforcement agencies, field level contract